



## ST. MARY'S COUNTY 2005 AGRICULTURAL PROFILE

<i>Farm Numbers</i> <sup>1</sup>	1992	1997 <sup>3</sup>	2002
Number of Farms	673	658	577
Average Size (acres)	115	109	118
Land in Farms (acres)	77,491	71,920	68,153
<i>Livestock Inventory</i> <sup>1</sup>	1992	1997 <sup>3</sup>	2002
Cattle	4,596	5,467	4,636
Hogs	18,042	9,628	2,321
Sheep	194	322	641
<i>2002 Value of Sales</i> <sup>1</sup>			
All Products (\$1,000)			12,196
Grains & Oilseeds (\$1,000)			3,539
Tobacco (\$1,000)			1,676
Vegetables (\$1,000)			1,612
<i>Demographic Data</i> <sup>1</sup>	1992	1997 <sup>3</sup>	2002
Average Age of Operator	52.5	53.7	54.3
Percent Female Operators	5.8	7.9	11.8
<i>2002 Equine Census</i>			
Number of Equine Places			620
Equine Inventory			2,710
Value of Equine Inventory			\$7,540,000

<i>Crop Production Acres</i> <i>Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002</i> <sup>1</sup>			
<i>Corn for Grain</i>	16	<i>Soybeans</i>	11
<i>Barley</i>	10	<i>Vegetables</i>	11
<i>Forage</i>	10	<i>Wheat</i>	10

<i>Livestock &amp; Poultry Inventories</i> <i>Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002</i> <sup>1</sup>			
<i>Beef Cattle</i>	10	<i>Milk Cows</i>	14
<i>Broilers</i>	14	<i>Sheep</i>	11
<i>Hogs</i>	8		

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<i>Crop</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Acreage Harvested</i>	<i>Yield</i>	<i>Total Production</i>
<i>Corn for Grain (bushels)</i>	2003	8,200	109.8	900,000
	2004	9,300	131.4	1,221,900
	2005	8,300	101.3	840,400
<i>Corn for Silage (tons)</i>	2003	*	*	*
	2004	*	*	*
	2005	*	*	*
<i>Soybeans (bushels)</i>	2003	15,400	32.9	506,100
	2004	16,600	39.7	658,500
	2005	16,500	29.0	478,200
<i>Wheat (bushels)</i>	2003	5,300	38.7	205,000
	2004	5,900	49.9	294,470
	2005	4,000	54.7	218,800
<i>Hay (tons)</i>	2003	4,300	2.0	8,700
	2004	4,900	2.4	11,600
	2005	4,700	2.2	10,300
<i>Barley (bushels)</i>	2003	1,000	59.4	59,400
	2004	1,000	50.7	50,700
	2005	800	82.6	66,100

\* Acreage too small to publish.

	2003	2004	2005
<i>Cropland Cash Rents (per acre)</i>	\$30.00	\$35.45	\$37.78

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<sup>1</sup> Source: Census of Agriculture, NASS.

<sup>2</sup> Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

<sup>3</sup> Revised.